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1.	According to directives which the GST Kreis secretaries in I training of youths between 17 "general training" (infantry were earmarked for this type were to be trained in all other first phase of training was to months. Party members, who had to serve as instructors. The by the GST.	Frankfurt/Oder if and 22 years was training). In Kn of training, white er types of athle o start on 1 App d been detached	in late March 190 as to be concentred Eberswalde, ile a total of 100 letic activities cil and was to for 2-month course.	55, rated on 200 youths 39 youths The last 4 rses, were	
2.	In mid-April. a course for G Leuchtenburg in Kahla. KVP of the training, which included 98 k carbines, submachine gun GST functionaries including R political indoctrination.	ficers in GST ur instruction on S s and pistols ar	niforms supervise Soviet machine grand field training	ed uns, model g. High	
3.	In early April, combat groups except in high schools. Ten t more than 22 years old were t	o 15 percent of	the employees w	prises, ho were	
4.	In mid-April, 65 young peopl be recruited for pre-military Zetkin repair works in Erfurt follows: 2 groups, each of 1 training), 15 men for motor s in flying and 5 for parachutithe 600 employees of the plan which were to support the VP	training with a . The young men 5 men, for "Kamports, 10 for sing. At the same t were to be or	the GST in the C were to be place ofsport" (infanting ignal sports, 5 time, 10 to 12 ganized in comba	lar a- ed as ry for training percent of	25X1
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In late March, the RBD Schwartn started military training of the combat groups which implaced about 150 SED members, of the 600 employees. On 1 April, the combat groups in the DEFA copying plant in Berlin-	25X1
Koepenick, including the Johannisthal branch plant, numbered approximately 110 members including 20 women. The number was to be increased to 200 members. The two plants had a total labor force of some 1,200 persons.	
In early-April. an employee of the VEB Energie in Frankfurt/Oder stated that the organization of comban groups was to start soon and that all male employees were to join the combat groups. So far, only party and FDGB functionaries to exceed to join the groups.	
In early Applied it was announced at an internal meeting of the Brandenburg state office, that combat groups were to be formed. Training with middle 08 pistols, model 98 k carbines and model 34 subscales with the combated by KEP personnel between 1300 mid 1905 have a factor with mid-largest 1955.	
on 8 April, combat groups totaling some 500 men up to 45 years old, who wore blue overable, blue visor-type caps and red brassards assembled in Bad Salzungen. Manham of the security police and the border police were reportedly in charge of training of the combat groups.	
In early April, the combat groups in Oranienburg were organized into Hundertschaften which were to receive field training by KVP officers once or twice a month. Training in firing and theoretical instruction were to be conducted once a week. Two-week courses for instructors were to be attended exclusively by party members.	
The strength of the combat groups corresponded with the "Gefahrenklasse" (danger rate) of the plant concerned. The VEB Russ in Oranienburg belonged to Gefahrenklasse I because of an unusual high fire risk and, with a labor force of 110 men, had to organize a combat group of	

12. On 16 April, the combat groups of the Ministry for Heavy Industry had been organized into Hundertschaften and had been trained by police officers for 4 hours.

25 men. The VEB Geraetewerk in Oranienburg, with a labor force of some 300 men, belonged to Gefahrenklasse III and had to form a combat group

- 13. On 19 April, a leading member of the GST at the Humboldt University in East-Berlin announced that it was planned to make it obligatory for all students to join the GST. GST cadres were to be formed prior the beginning of the fall semester.
- 14. According to GST members in Potsdam, general training concentratedm on instruction on model-34 machine guns after early April.

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	of other mass organizations should be left to the GST, rather than to newly formed combat groups. GST members were organized in 2	
	grounds and the other of 18 to 10 per electric by year old youths and the other of 18 to 10 per electric by year old youths and the	
	the first grains was to contempt to a mulitical indoctrination and	
	the second group on technical instruction. The GST numbered 110,000 members but this number was to be increased to 1,000,000 during	
	1955.	
16.	According to the political bureau of the SED, the GST and the combat	
	groups had the following tasks: The GST was in charge of premilitary training of FdJ members, as well	
	as youths not belonging to an organization, and subsequently to induce the party le to join the KVP. The combat groups	
	to transmit basic military knowledge to well-	
	femons that they may be employed as combat units in case of emergency.	
17.	In April, the combat group of the Rat of the Kreis Potsdam was organized	
-,-	into a Hundertschaft with 3 platoons and received training with carbines, pistols, submachine guns and model-34 machine guns 3 to 4 hours a week.	
	The combat group was subordinate to the SED Kreisleitung.	
18.	In late April, the number of	25 X 1
	non-SED members in the combat groups was not to exceed 15 percent.	
19.	In mid-April, a course for some 500 combat group leaders and subleaders was held at the combat group school in Ludwigsfelde, 15 km south of	
	Berlin. The course was to terminate on 2 May. Other 4-week courses	
	were to follow. The intensive training included instruction on model- 98 rifles, model-08 pistols, model-34 and 42 machine guns, training	
	in firing, field training, march practice, tactical training and political indoctrination.	
20.	In early May, there were several combat group Hundertschaften in the RBD Berlin, which were subdivided into platoons and squads. Transport	
	police was in charge of their training. Between 15 May and 17 June. the transport police was to conduct courses for platoon leaders in the	
	RB recreation center at Bindow near Koenigswusterhausen and for squad	
	leaders in the RB recreation center Basdorf.	0EV4
21.	In early May, it was learned that a "Seesportschule" (naval school) and a "Flugsportschule" (flying school) of the GST were to be	25 X 1
	established on the Scharmuetzelsee and in Warnemuende, respectively.	
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	Comment. Since Richard Staimer took over the GST leadership, strong tendencies to increase the number of members and to improve	23/1
	premilitary training were noted. It is apparently planned to train GST members in the individual fields relative to the various branches	
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